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SUBJECT: AMSPEC FOR FIFTH ANNUAL MUSIC FESTIVAL IN BUCHAREST

REF: BUCHAREST 1979 AND 3892, PARA THREE

1. CU/EE PREPARED OFFER AMSPEC GRANT TO COMPOSER CHARLES WUORINEN. IN VIEW REFTELS, ASSUME EMBASSY CONCURS. PLEASE ADVISE WITH INFO MOSCOW.

2. FOR MOSCOW: IF EMBASSY BUCHAREST ACCEPTS WUORINEN FOR MUSIC FESTIVAL, HE WOULD BE WILLING TO VISIT USSR FOR FIVE-SIX DAYS STARTING O/A OCTOBER TWENTY-THIRD. WUORINEN, DESCRIBED BY ICS/DA CHIEF MATTOS AS "...URBANE, WITTY, AND A VERY GOOD SPEAKER..." WOULD FILL POST REQUEST FOR A SPEAKER ON AMERICAN MUSIC, CITED IN JUNE 1976 POST PROJECT PROPOSALS, VOLUME II, SUBJECT INDEX, PAGE 168, UNCLASSIFIED

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UR-16, NUMBER 2586. WUORINEN LISTED IN 'WHO'S WHO.'

BRIEF BIO FOLLOWS.

3. BORN JUNE NINE, 1938 IN NYC; RECEIVED BA (1961) AND MA (1963) FROM COLUMBIA, HONORARY D.MUS. (1971) JERSEY CITY STATE COLLEGE; FORMER TEACHERS INCLUDE OTTO LUENING, JACK BEESON AND VLADIMIR USSACHEVSKY; HAS RECEIVED TWENTY-FOUR PRIZES, GRANTS, AND FELLOWSHIPS SINCE 1954, WHICH INCLUDE A PULITZER (1970) AND A GUGGENHEIM (1972); HAS BEEN COMMISSIONED BY THIRTY-ONE ORGANIZATIONS AND HAS WRITTEN ONE HUNDRED TWENTY WORKS FOR VIOLIN, PIANO, SYNTHESIZER, ORCHESTRA, VOCAL, CHORAL, PERCUSSION, OPERA AND MASQUE; HAS LECTURED AT TWENTY-SIX U.S. UNIVERSITIES AND CURRENTLY PROFESSOR AT MANHATTAN SCHOOL OF MUSIC. SINCE WE OWE SOVIETS A VISIT BY U.S. COMPOSER UNDER THE AGREEMENT, IN EXCHANGE FOR VISIT OF SOVDEL HERE, WE SUGGEST YOU PROPOSE WUORINEN VISIT UNDER THE AGREEMENT, WITH SOVIETS PAYING LOCAL COSTS. PLEASE ADVISE WITH INFO BUCHAREST. KISSINGER

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